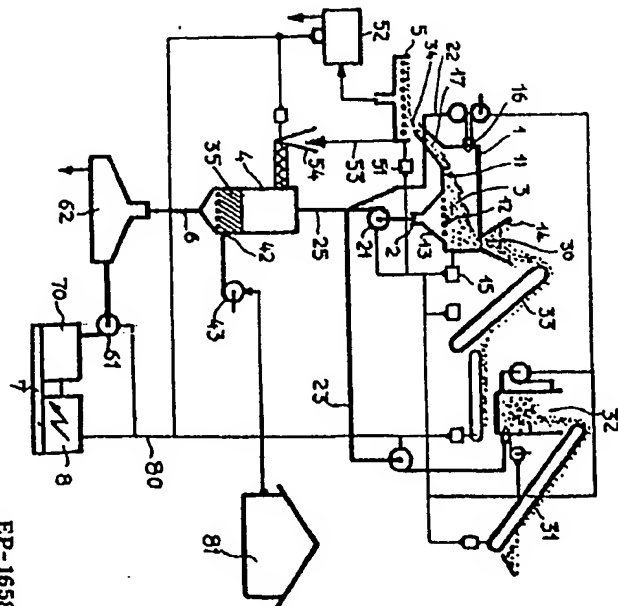


<p>86-001373/01 H09 FRAI 18.05.84 FRAMATOME 18.05.84-FR-007729 (27. 8.85) C10b-53/2 Utilising surplus gas produced when pyrolysing wood - to give charcoal by reforming using heat from burning charcoal fines, and using reformed gas as fuel in electricity prodn. C86-000527 E(AI DE IT SE)</p>	<p>H(9-F) There is optimum use of the calorific value of the copsewood. <u>PROCESS</u> Wood pieces are continuously fed to a drying furnace (32) with direct gas heating, and leave contg. about 15% water. The wood then passes to the pyrolysis furnace (1), also directly heated by fuel gas, in which a bed of the wood is moved slowly over a grill, down through which the evolved gases are extracted. The charcoal leaving (1) passes through a screening device, which removes the fines. As much as required of the gases evolved in (1) is recirculated to (32) and (1) as fuel. The remainder is passed down the reforming furnace (4) through the bed of charcoal fines, which is continuously combusted by injected air. The reformed gas withdrawn below the bed passes to a condenser for drying and then as fuel to a piston engine or gas turbine, driving an alternator (8).</p>
<p><u>USE/ADVANTAGE</u> The process is useful e.g. where charcoal is being produced by pyrolysis of copsewood. The energy produced from the gas, e.g. in an electricity generating set, is sufficient to supply a sawmill and base camp for the personnel, so allowing the whole installation to be sited near the source of wood.</p>	<p><u>EXAMPLE</u> Pyrolysis of 1 tonne of wood (15% water) per hr. produces a surplus of 600 N cu.m of pyrolysis gas, having total lower heating value (LHV) 3 million KJ. The heat required in EP-165839-A+</p>

r forming the hydrocarbons in this gas is 560,000 KJ which is largely covered by the heating value of the 15kg charcoal fines produced per hr. The reformed gas, after drying, comprises 650 N^o cu.m/h of LHV 1100 kcal/N^o cu.m, and this can produce 200 kW from a generating set. The pyrolysis plant and its auxiliaries require 70 kW, leaving 130 kW for e.g. a base camp. (10pD1492RKMHDWGNo1/1).

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